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For: METHODS FOR ISOLATION, QUANTIFICATION,
CHARACTERIZATION AND MODULATION OF
ANTIGEN-SPECIFIC T CELLS

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FROM REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.144

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed February 14, 2002, in which the Examiner required both restriction to one of seven groups of inventions and the election of species in these groups.

In the Claims

Please amend claims 162, 163, 167, 168 and 176 as follows. A copy of the claims showing the exact changes and a clean copy are attached at the end of this response.

162. (Amended) A method of identifying T cells specific for an antigen of interest comprising:
(a) obtaining a biological sample containing T cells which are specific for an antigen of interest;
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